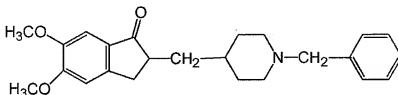
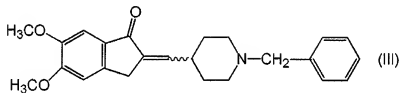


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (**Currently amended**) A process of preparing a compound [1-benzyl-4-[(5,6-dimethoxy-1-indanon)-2-yl]methylpiperidine] of the structural formula (II):



comprising catalytically hydrogenating a compound [1-benzyl-4-[(5,6-dimethoxy-1-indanon)-2-ylidene]methylpiperidine] of the structural formula (III):



in the presence of a Raney nickel catalyst in a reaction solvent of tetrahydrofuran, toluene, or a solvent mixture of toluene and an alcohol, ~~in which appropriate quantities of soluble solvent is added, or tetrahydrofuran,~~ wherein the reaction solvent is has a volume 7 to 10 times ~~of~~ the volume of the compound of the structural formula (III).

2-6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein the catalytic hydrogenation is carried out at a hydrogen pressure of 0.05 to 7.0 MPa.

8. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein the catalytic hydrogenation is carried out at a hydrogen pressure of 0.1 to 1.5 MPa.

9. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein the catalytic hydrogenation is carried out at a hydrogen pressure of 0.5 to 1.5 MPa.

10. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein a weight ratio of the Raney nickel catalyst to the compound of the structural formula (III) is 3 to 30%.

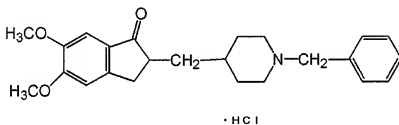
11. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein a weight ratio of the Raney nickel catalyst to the compound of the structural formula (III) is 5 to 15%.

12. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1, characterized in that the catalytic hydrogenation is carried out at a reaction temperature of 4 to 60°C.

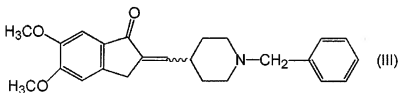
13. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1, characterized in that the catalytic hydrogenation is carried out at a reaction temperature of about 4 to 40°C.

14. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1, characterized in that the catalytic hydrogenation is carried out at a reaction temperature of 10 to 25°C.

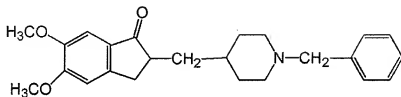
15. (**Currently amended**) A process for preparing a compound [1-benzyl-4-[(5,6-dimethoxy-1-indanon)-2-yl]methylpiperidine hydrochloride] of the structural formula (I):



comprising catalytically hydrogenating a compound [1-benzyl-4-[(5,6-dimethoxy-1-indanon)-2-ylidene]methylpiperidine] of the structural formula (III):



in the presence of a Raney nickel catalyst in a reaction solvent of tetrahydrofuran, toluene, or a solvent mixture of toluene and an alcohol, ~~in which appropriate quantities of soluble solvent is added, or tetrahydrofuran~~, wherein the reaction solvent is has a volume 7 to 10 times ~~of the~~ volume of the compound of the structural formula (III) to obtain a compound [1-benzyl-4-[(5,6-dimethoxy-1-indanon)-2-yl]methylpiperidine] of the structural formula (II):



and then treating the compound of the structural formula (II) with hydrogen chloride or hydrochloric acid.

16. **(New)** The process according to claim 1, wherein the alcohol is methanol.
17. **(New)** The process according to claim 16, wherein the volume ratio of toluene to methanol in the solvent mixture is 4:1.
18. **(New)** The process according to claim 15, wherein the alcohol is methanol.
19. **(New)** The process according to claim 18, wherein the volume ratio of toluene to methanol in the solvent mixture is 4:1.